

NextSTEP/MCSC Service to Employment Pilot

Volunteering and engaging in national and community service—for those both with and without disabilities—are effective avenues for personal and professional development. Service participants actively contribute to the strengthening of their communities, while at the same time gaining valuable skills, exploring career paths, and developing networks that can lead to meaningful employment. The Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC) is working in conjunction with the National Service to Employment Project (NextSTEP) to provide opportunities for personal and professional growth through service experiences for people with developmental disabilities in Michigan.

MCSC and NextSTEP will be hosting a pilot in Michigan to track service experiences leading to employment for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Pilot participants will be provided with assistance and supports so they may competitively serve through collaborative efforts between national service programs, MCSC, and other state agencies and organizations. To learn more about this pilot and employment skill building opportunities through national and community service, join:

Pathways to Employment: Webinar Series

June 20, 2011

An Introduction to National Service in Michigan: 1pm - 2pm EST

Learn about national service and discuss the benefits of a term of service for people with developmental disabilities. The webinar will cover the benefits available to national service members, how service can prepare members for employment, and what Michigan's AmeriCorps programs have to offer throughout the state. You'll also learn how to assist clients with finding and applying for service positions.

To register: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/642247963>

June 20, 2011

Resources and Supports for Michigan's AmeriCorps members: 2pm - 3pm EST

Join a technical assistance overview on how to assist people with developmental disabilities which will outline resources and supports available to people with developmental disabilities in service positions. Topics covered will include funding for assistive technology and/or transportation, workplace supports, and tips on ways the service experience prepares members for employment.

to register: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/696963539>

July 19, 2011

An Introduction to National Service in Michigan: 2pm - 3pm EST

A recap of the May 25th webinar.

To register: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/320903090>

For more information contact: Kathleen Egan at EganK@michigan.gov

How to recommend someone to the NextSTEP/MCSC Service to Employment Pilot

To become part of the pilot, follow these steps:

1. Identify a potential pilot participant

2. Talk to the potential participant about national service and the pilot

3. Fill out a brief survey about the potential participant by **June 2011**, here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NextSTEPandMCSCServiceToEmploymentPilot>

4. Identify a national or community service program by learning more about them online: www.nationalservice.gov or www.michigan.gov/mcsc

5. Apply to the program or programs. Each program is responsible for its own recruitment and selection of members

6. Be accepted to service program

7. Supports provided



Need Assistance?

If you have trouble identifying an appropriate program for your client, contact potential service programs directly or contact the Cross-Stream/Inclusion AmeriCorps*VISTA, Kathleen Egan: (517) 335-6585
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